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1889

Forwood House  
142 Williams  
Bel Air  
Private

One of the earliest houses on Williams Street, the Forwood House is one of Bel Air's many expressions of the Queen Anne style, like most highly regular in its formulation of this usually irregular style.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

HA-235  
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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Forwood House

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

142 Williams

1st

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

— VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Harford

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

**CATEGORY**

—DISTRICT

☒ BUILDING(S)

—STRUCTURE

—SITE

—OBJECT

**OWNERSHIP**

—PUBLIC

☒ PRIVATE

—BOTH

**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**

—IN PROCESS

—BEING CONSIDERED

**STATUS**

☒ OCCUPIED

—UNOCCUPIED

—WORK IN PROGRESS

**ACCESSIBLE**

☒ YES: RESTRICTED

—YES: UNRESTRICTED

—NO

**PRESENT USE**

—AGRICULTURE

—COMMERCIAL

—EDUCATIONAL

—ENTERTAINMENT

—GOVERNMENT

—INDUSTRIAL

—MILITARY

—MUSEUM

—PARK

—PRIVATE RESIDENCE

—RELIGIOUS

—SCIENTIFIC

—TRANSPORTATION

☒ OTHER apts.

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

William H. Lindeman

Telephone #: 879-2048

STREET & NUMBER

142 Williams

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21014

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC

Harford County Courthouse

Liber #: 1041

Folio #: 885

STREET & NUMBER

Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

—FEDERAL —STATE —COUNTY —LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

## 7 DESCRIPTION

2/6/85

### CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT  
☒ GOOD  
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED  
☐ RUINS  
☐ UNEXPOSED

### CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED  
☒ ALTERED

### CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED      DATE \_\_\_\_\_

### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This two and a half story, three bay Queen Anne house is at 142 Williams Street in the Town of Bel Air, Harford County, Maryland. The house is sided in clapboard and has fish-scale shingle trim. The front (east) elevation is divided on the attic level: the north two bays have a front gable with three Queen Anne windows and fish-scale shingle decoration in the triangle above and the strip below the windows. The south bay has a shed-roofed dormer with two Queen Anne windows. The second story has three bays of pairs of 2/2 windows. The first story is shaded by a shed-roofed porch with a gable over the center bay. The porch posts are slim and square with lattic work between them. Eastlake brackets decorate the tops of the posts and support the gable in the center. A railing of slender balusters completes the original porch treatment. The south bay of the porch is being enclosed. The first story windows that remain are 2/4. The main entrance is in the center bay of the front (east) elevation. It is composed of a large single pane transom flanked by smaller panes, two pane over panel sidelights, and a large glass over panel door. Two tall corbelled chimneys occur in the roof of the main block, one in the rear slope of the roof in the south bay and one behind the peak of the front gable.

The south elevation of the house resolves itself into two (east) bays in the main block and a two bay ell. The windows here are 2/2, paired in the east bay and single elsewhere. The side gable has a triangular vent in the top, two 2/2 windows and a strip of fish-scale shingles below. A window in the west bay of the main block (second story) has three small windows above three double-hung windows. It probably lights the stair landing. The back building has its own gable roof at right angles to that of the main block. It has a shed-roofed, slate sided dormer in the middle of the south slope. The dormer has a pair of windows.

A shed-roofed south porch ties the main block and the back building together. It is carried on chamfered posts with solid carved brackets with a single round hole in each. The porch shelters two side by side doors, one in the main block and one in the back building.

The rear elevation of the ell has two bays, a single 2/2 window in the gable and a single story shed-roofed addition with a pair of windows on the south side and another pair on the west side. The back door is slightly recessed north of the pair of windows.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1889

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This Queen Anne house is one of the few 19th Century house on Williams Street. It was built three years after the Reckord House (162 Williams) and is more clearly a Queen Anne house than that one is. This house, like the Reckord house, has an Eastlake porch, a style of decoration unusual in Bel Air.

According to the Harford Democrat (April 12, 1889), this house was begun in 1889 for William S. Forwood, although the land was not conveyed by E. Hall Richardson until January 1890 (67/1). Mr. Forwood had the hotel where Courtland Hardware is from 1878 to the 1890's. The Forwoods mortgaged the property in 1890 for \$4500. After the death of Mr. and Mrs. Forwood, the heirs sold their share to William S. Forwood, Jr. (September 29, 1906). The younger Forwood was Clerk of the Circuit Court from 1891 to 1909. In 1912 he defaulted on the mortgage. John S. Young and Stevenson A. Williams, trustees under the will of E. Hall Richardson (holder of the mortgage) bought the property in their own rights. They agreed to sell the property to Chase, Orem & Co. (1912, 137/183) for \$6000. That company sold it to Harry Hanway who sold it to Harry S. Carver. After getting the \$6000, Williams and Young conveyed it to Carver in 1913 (139/423). He mortgaged it to the same men (1913, 141/248) and defaulted on the mortgage in 1926. It was sold to John L. G. Lee for \$7100 (201/235).

Lee left it to his wife, Caroline Hunter Lee (1945, will 22/452), who sold it to Mr. Aden Crouse and his mother Esta in 1960 (546/510). They sold it to George Kanaras in 1974 (956/487), who sold it to the present owner, William H. Lindeman in 1977 (1041/885). It is now called the Wil-Mar Apartments.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

## 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Harford Democrat  
Wright, Our Harford Heritage, p. 440.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

### VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

This property occupies parcel #2011 in the Town of Bel Air.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

M. Larew, Architectural Historian

10 December 1979

ORGANIZATION

Town of Bel Air

DATE

838-8700

STREET & NUMBER

39 Hickory Avenue

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Bel Air

STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

TITLE: 142 Williams

1041/885                      21 September 1977  
George Kanaras & Demetra  
to  
William H. Lindeman & Mary

956/487                      15 August 1974  
Aden H. Crouse & Esta A. Crouse  
to  
George Kanaras & Demetra  
Aden is a man; Esta is his mother

546/510                      16 March 1960  
Caroline Hunter Lee, widow  
to  
Aden Crouse & Esta Crouse  
land devised to Mrs. Lee by her  
husband, John L. G. Lee (1945,  
22/452)  
a smaller lot

221/343                      14 September 1931  
Henry C. Hall, widower  
to  
John L. G. Lee  
2 a. ±

201/235                      30 October 1926  
Philip H. Close, attorney  
to  
John L. G. Lee  
6 lots in Richardson's Addition  
defaulted mortgage Harry S. Carver  
to Young & Williams (1913, 141/248)  
\$7100

139/423                      26 April 1913  
John S. Young & Stevenson A.  
Williams et al  
to  
Harry S. Carver  
a lot of lawsuits

67/1

24 January 1890  
E. Hall Richardson & wife  
to  
Rebecca Forwood (Mrs. William S. Forwood)

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MD. HISTORICAL TRUST  
BOX 1704  
ANNAPOLIS, MD. 21404

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	
COUNTY:	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

<b>1. NAME</b>	
COMMON: <u>Crouse Apartment Building</u>	
AND/OR HISTORIC:	

<b>2. LOCATION</b>			
STREET AND NUMBER: <u>142 Wilkerson Street, west side, between</u>			
CITY OR TOWN: <u>Bel Air</u> <u>Catherine &amp; Gordon Sts.</u>			
STATE: <u>Maryland</u>	COOE	COUNTY: <u>Harford</u>	COOE

<b>3. CLASSIFICATION</b>			
CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
District <input type="checkbox"/> <u>Building</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/>	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/>	<u>Occupied</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> <u>Private</u> <input type="checkbox"/>	In Process <input type="checkbox"/>	Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/>	<u>Restricted</u> <input type="checkbox"/>
Object <input type="checkbox"/>	Both <input type="checkbox"/>	Being Considered <input type="checkbox"/>	Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/>
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)		Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/> No: <input type="checkbox"/>	
Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/>	Government <input type="checkbox"/>	Park <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Comments <input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>	Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>	Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/>
Educational <input type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/>	Religious <input type="checkbox"/>	
Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/>	Museum <input type="checkbox"/>	Scientific <input type="checkbox"/>	

<b>4. OWNER OF PROPERTY</b>			
OWNERS NAME: <u>Aden Goetz</u>			
STREET AND NUMBER: <u>318 Catherine Street</u>			
CITY OR TOWN: <u>Bel Air</u>	STATE: <u>MD</u>	COOE	

<b>5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION</b>			
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:			
STREET AND NUMBER: <u>CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT</u>			
CITY OR TOWN: <u>HARFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE</u>	STATE: <u>40 S. MAIN S</u>	COOE	
APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: <u>BEL AIR</u>		MARYLAND	

<b>6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS</b>			
TITLE OF SURVEY:			
DATE OF SURVEY:			
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
CITY OR TOWN:	STATE:	COOE	

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

STATE:

COUNTY:

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ENTRY NUMBER DATE



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## 7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	Excellent <input type="checkbox"/>	Good <input type="checkbox"/>	Fair <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/>	Ruins <input type="checkbox"/>	Unexposed <input type="checkbox"/>
INTEGRITY	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	Altered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			Unaltered <input type="checkbox"/>	Moved <input type="checkbox"/>	Original Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

victorian frame house, 2 1/2 stories,  
 three bays x three, each bay having  
 a double sash window, or 2 lights over 2  
 beside 2 over 2.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Pre-Columbian ☐ 16th Century ☐ 18th Century ☐ 20th Century ☐  
 15th Century ☐ 17th Century ☐ 19th Century ☒

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Aboriginal <input type="checkbox"/>	Education <input type="checkbox"/>	Political <input type="checkbox"/>	Urban Planning <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Prehistoric <input type="checkbox"/>	Engineering <input type="checkbox"/>	Religion/Philosophy <input type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/>
Historic <input type="checkbox"/>	Industry <input type="checkbox"/>	Science <input type="checkbox"/>	
Agriculture <input type="checkbox"/>	Invention <input type="checkbox"/>	Sculpture <input type="checkbox"/>	
Art <input type="checkbox"/>	Landscape <input type="checkbox"/>	Social/Humanitarian <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Commerce <input type="checkbox"/>	Architecture <input type="checkbox"/>	Literature <input type="checkbox"/>	
Communications <input type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/>	Theater <input type="checkbox"/>	
Conservation <input type="checkbox"/>	Music <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/>	

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

This old mansion is converted to  
apartments.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

## 9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

## 10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN ONE ACRE		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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NE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE

## 11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:		
JEAN S. EWING		
ORGANIZATION	DATE	
MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST		
STREET AND NUMBER:		
50 STATE CIRCLE		
CITY OR TOWN:	STATE	CODE
ANNAPOLIS	MARYLAND	

## 12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

## NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

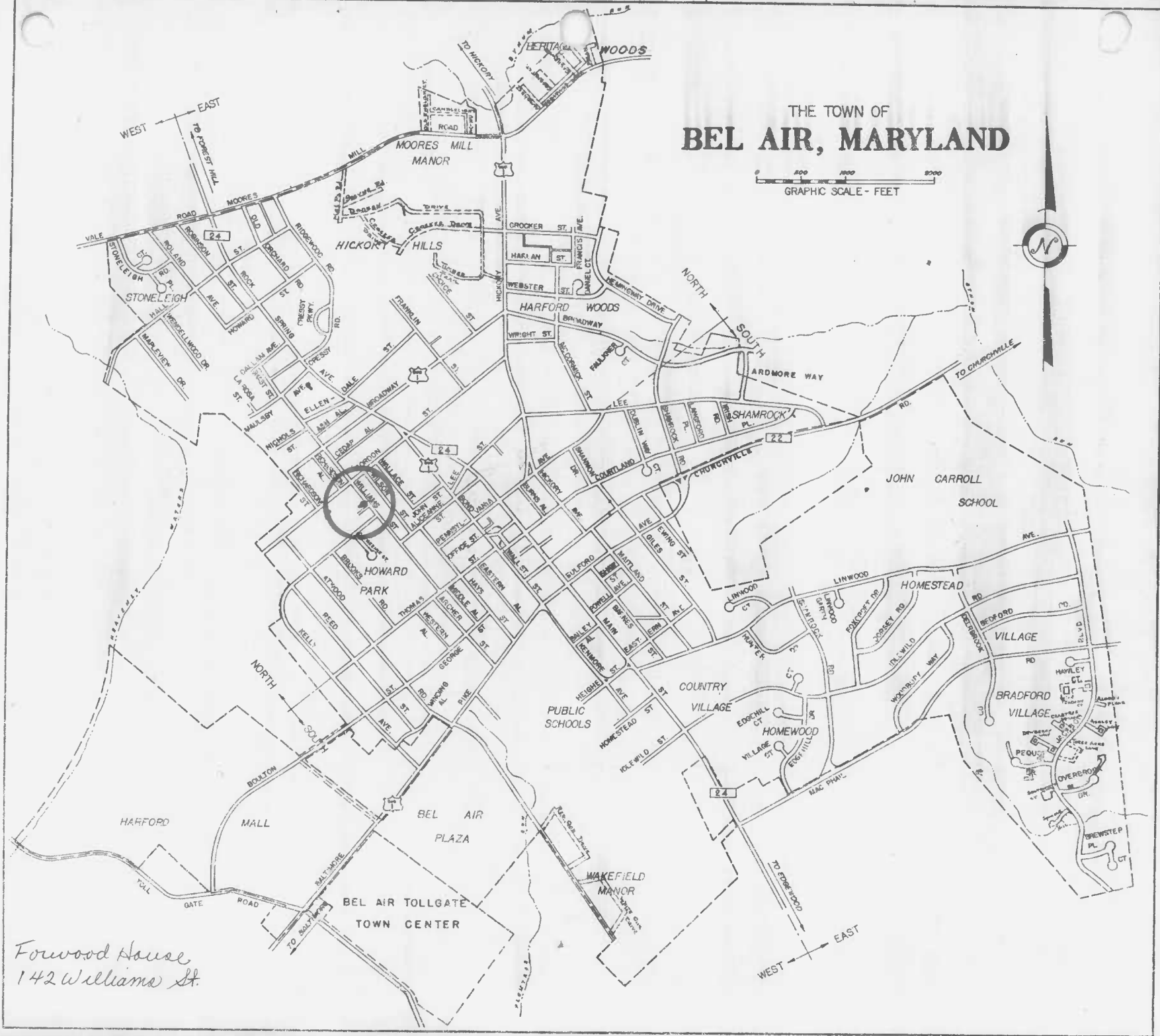
\_\_\_\_\_  
Keeper of The National Register

Date \_\_\_\_\_

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

# THE TOWN OF BEL AIR, MARYLAND

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GRAPHIC SCALE - FEET



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Fourwood House  
142 Williams St.













